

SUFFOLK COUNTY LEGISLATURE  
COUNTY OF SUFFOLK



Office of Suffolk County Legislator Kevin J. McCaffrey, 14<sup>th</sup> District

For Immediate Release  
Date: February 5, 2016

Contact: Gregory Atherton  
Phone: 631-854-1100

## LEGISLATOR MCCAFFREY RECOGNIZES LOCAL BUSINESS FOR YEARS OF SERVICE



*Pictured (left to right): Ann Hong; Simon Hong; and Suffolk County Legislator Kevin McCaffrey.*

LINDENHURST, NY: Suffolk County Legislator Kevin McCaffrey (R-Lindenhurst) recently visited Elen Cleaners to present a proclamation to the establishment's proprietors, Ann and Simon Hong. The Hongs have been operating Elen Cleaners for more than 30 years and are now preparing for retirement and the beginning of a new chapter in their lives.

The story of the Hongs began in the summer of 1966, when they immigrated to the United States from Korea. In 1985, in the spirit of seeking the American dream, the couple opened up Elen

SUFFOLK COUNTY LEGISLATURE  
COUNTY OF SUFFOLK



Office of Suffolk County Legislator Kevin J. McCaffrey, 14<sup>th</sup> District

**For Immediate Release**  
**Date: February 5, 2016**

**Contact: Gregory Atherton**  
**Phone: 631-854-1100**

Cleaners in the Village of Lindenhurst. Elen Cleaners quickly became a beloved fixture in the community, as the Hong's were always a cheerful presence and became known for their quality of service. The married couple was the epitome of teamwork and was truly an inspiration to all those who had the good fortune of getting to know them over the years.

In addition to their cleaning business, the Hong's made a home in Syosset and became the proud parents of two children. Now that retirement is on the horizon, Ann is looking forward to spending more time with her family, as is Simon. When discussing their plans, Simon was particularly excited to mention how he planned to devote some more time to the golf course as well.

"The community will certainly miss the presence of the Hong's," said McCaffrey. "Of course, their service was top notch, but just as important were their positive attitudes. They have worked hard for many years and have certainly earned their retirement. I wish the Hong's the best of luck, health and happiness in all of the years to come."

Although it is sad to see the Hong's leaving, they are confident that great service will still be available to the neighborhood. The new operators of the cleaners, Sun Sook Kim and Kwang Sook Min (sisters), have been working alongside the Hong's and are more than ready to take the helm.

*Legislator McCaffrey represents Suffolk County's 14th Legislative District which encompasses the Village of Lindenhurst, Babylon Village, the hamlets of West Babylon and North Lindenhurst, portions of Copiague, North Babylon, and Babylon's barrier beach communities.*